



AWARD RECIPIENT—Mrs. Richard Shellenberger, left, president of the Los Angeles Chapter, Women's Division of the Freedoms Foundation, presents the Valley Forge teachers medal award to Mrs. Ruth Weil, who accepts it for Mrs. Sophia O. Palmer, sixth grade teacher at Carson Street Elementary School.

FOR KINDERGARTENS

Unusual Ceremonies Set At Normont Elementary

It won't be an ordinary spring culmination ceremony at Normont elementary school on June 18, promises Principal Kenneth Miller.

The school, located at 1001 W. 253rd St., Harbor City, will feature a Circus-Circus in two separate sessions, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Most important, according to Miller, is the fact that the 115 kindergarten children participating will demonstrate what an innovative program and five dedicated adults can do.

The adults are kindergarten teachers Mrs. Lupe Grajeda and William Miller, teacher aides Mrs. May Lacy and Mrs. Phyllis Garcia, and a fifth kindergarten teacher who "floats" between the two regular classrooms. She is Mrs. Alice McGlothlin.

"THIS UNUSUAL arrangement has worked out wonderfully," says Mrs. McGlothlin, "and one of the main reasons is because our aides are so wonderful."

Two separate kindergarten sessions are held in adjoining rooms at Normont, and two more in the afternoon. Both rooms have one teacher and one aide. Mrs. McGlothlin moves between the rooms, counseling and helping individual children, working with a small group while the regular teacher and aide work with the rest of the class.

She is definitely not a supervisor of the other two teachers. Mrs. McGlothlin insists, even though she has had a great deal of experience as a kindergarten teacher.

MRS. MCGLOTHLIN is extremely enthusiastic about the unique arrangement, and says its success is based on the fact that "we three teachers respect the abilities of our two aides, and they in turn are wonderful people, dedicated workers, and do wonders with the children."

She says that "we don't call ourselves three teachers and two aides, we say 'the five of us'."

The Circus-Circus on June 13 is not a show for the sake of a show, according to Miller and Mrs. McGlothlin.

"It is actually a culmination of the work the children have done for the past ten weeks," she says.

"WE'VE BEEN getting these children ready for first grade and our Circus-Circus program will demonstrate what we've done."

Oral language has been the major skill stressed, followed by physical fitness, physical education, arts, crafts, rhythms and music. All will be part of the June 13 program.

"We will have a rhythm band, dancing bears and trainer, singing fun, poetry, dancing ponies (a ballet), seals (poem and ball skills), pretty dancing ladies (a May pole ballet), monkeys (stunts and tricks on the outdoor apparatus), elephants, lions and clowns. A marching band is featured in the finale," Miller says.

THE WHOLE program will be staged outdoors and pink lemonade, provided by the teachers, will be served along with popcorn.

Administrative and supervisory personnel from the Harbor area and Los Angeles offices have been invited to the afternoon program, according to Miller.

"This is the first time I've done that," he says, "and it's because this program is so much different from anything I've ever seen."

Parents and the general community are also invited.

Sanitation Employees Rewarded

Two Torrance residents have been presented checks by the Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Bureau of Sanitation for outstanding suggestions which increased the efficiency of the bureau's work.

Edgar L. Hopkins, 2604 W. 230th Place, was given \$293.45 (after deductions) for his proposal that an automatic hydraulic monitor be adapted to washing the plant's 18 2.5-million-gallon digester tanks, which hitherto had been cleaned by a three-man crew with hand-held hoses. Hopkins works as a sewage plant operator at the Hyperion Treatment Plant.

Glen Patrich, 20819 S. Dalton Ave., and a co-employee from Anaheim suggested the rewiring of pump controls at the Venice Pumping Plant. The mechanical repair foreman was given \$76.05 for the idea.

School Board Should Cut the Fat, Not Meat

Today the news is filled with the tragedy of the "financial crises" in our Los Angeles City Schools because the voters finally said "halt, we've had it."

The present Los Angeles City Board of Education through its established programs has placed our district in a \$12 million hole for the 69-70 school year.

Caught by the voters with a cutback necessitated, they chose to strike at the heart of our young adults by cutting one hour from the junior-senior high level, thereby shorting college hopefuls of much needed credits.

Why would it cost 389 million dollars to produce students that rank seventh from the bottom on the national learning

level? And that's where our children rank.

Our present Board seems more concerned with social aspects of students. Well, what good is a socially adjusted generation of illiterates?

Instead of relaxing grade level standards, eliminating report cards until after the third grade has been reached, we need to return to more teaching of the solid 3 R's in the grade school level. Assure our young teens of a firm footing when they start the pressure of junior high, and this will cut down on the dropouts.

It's time to cut the fat off the top, not the meat out of the center. Let's have less frills in class time, and more learning.

Mrs. C. R. Gray

Lung Transplantation Residents Is Topic of Symposium Appear on Radio Show

Discussions of problems attending medical science's effort to successfully perform lung transplants will highlight the sixth annual symposium of the Southern California Chapter of the American Association for Inhalation Therapy.

The symposium will be conducted Saturday and Sunday at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. Registration will be held between 8 a.m. and noon each day.

Eric W. Fonkalsrud, M.D., associate professor of surgery and chief of pediatric surgery at UCLA, will discuss lung transplant at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

DR. FONKALSRUD with Dr. Gary Stevens, UCLA Medical school surgeon, has been researching the possibility of lung transplantation at UCLA utilizing a number of animals including monkeys and baboons. They recently reported that they may have breached one of the major barriers to successful lung transplantation—organ preservation.

The breakthrough may be a new technique for preserving cadaver lungs making them more suitable for transplant procedures. The technique is to ventilate the lungs to be transplanted with a mixture of oxygen, carbon dioxide and room air while without a supply of blood.

The surgeons report that one animal has done well for more

than a year and several have encountered no major problems in the more than four months since their transplants.

DISEASE related to lung transplant problems will be discussed by Karlman Wasserman, M.D., and Brian J. Whipp, Ph.D. Dr. Wasserman is chief of the division of respiratory disease at Harbor General Hospital and Dr. Whipp is a research fellow in the same division.

Dr. Wasserman, speaking at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, will discuss "Blood Cases in the Chronic Lung Patient" and Dr. Whipp will follow at 2 p.m. with a discourse on "Control of Ventilation."

Myron R. Allen, Association of Registered Inhalation Therapists (ARIT), chairman of the symposium's guiding committee, said that the gathering is not restricted to ARIT members and that doctors and nurses interested in Inhalation Therapy will be welcome.

MANY OTHER subjects involving respiratory patients and Inhalation Therapy will be discussed by doctors and therapists in the field throughout Southern California.

Registration will be in the foyer of the Satellite Room with more than 50 exhibits on display in the Nautilus Room. Reservations may be made for both days or either one.

Carson and Wilmington residents were among the featured guest artists appearing on a recent Tenth Annual Veterans Memorial program broadcast over radio station KGER.

These included David Carfrey of 23202 S. Anchor St., bass soloist of the Calvary Brothers Trio, who is also choir director for Calvary Baptist Church, 23601 S. Main St.; Mary Stevens, 332 E. 228th St., accompanist; Laura Mae and Oliver Wilber, vocalists of 1396 Fries Ave. Also appearing was Tommy Tims of South Gate.

Songs presented were written by Richard Earl Hammonds, deceased USN veteran of World War I. Poems, written by Henry Virgil Hammonds, deceased Army veteran of World War II, were read by Bob Cochens.

Living servicemen honored included Orville Collins, Jr., 427 E. 237th St., just back from Vietnam, Frankie Gonzales, Ronald Covey and Richard Hauer, now in Vietnam, a grandson of Mrs. Bertha Potter, 23437 S. Main St.



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